### **Rail Safety Precautions**

If the gates are down – the road is closed.

Be sure to stop and wait until the gates open and the red lights stop flashing

- Never try to beat a train through a highway intersection
- Expect a train at any time.
   (Freight and passenger trains do not always travel on a predictable schedule)
- Be aware, you cannot accurately judge a train's speed or distance
- Before crossing over railroad tracks, look to make sure another train is not approaching

#### **Train Safety Tips for Kids**



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A Message from District Attorney Tim Cruz:

Commuter rail stations are conveniently located in many of our towns in Plymouth County.

Unfortunately, this convenience brings many dangerous public safety hazards that we must always be aware of.

For the safety and protection of our children, I have developed this brochure to help educate them on train safety.

I encourage you to sit down with them and read this brochure. It is important that they understand the dangers associated with trains, and the importance of staying off the tracks.

Sincerely,

Timothy

District Attorney

## **Safety Tips**

- 1. NEVER walk on or beside the tracks
- 2. Do not throw rocks or place objects on the tracks.

It is both dangerous and against the law

- 3. Cross only at designated railroad crossings
- 4. Stop when lights are flashing

#### **Keep In Mind**

The average freight train traveling at 55 mph could take a mile and a half to stop once the brakes are applied.

## Warnings that a Train is approaching

- \* Railroad signs
- \* Crossbuck signs
- \* Flashing red lights
- **\*** Gates are down
- \* A train's whistle



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